offices about the said campaign, wide publicity has also been made by advertising in the newspapers, putting hoardings at prominent places, etc. There is good response to this revival campaign from the policyholders in both urban and rural areas. The special revival campaign has already been extended up to 31-3-1989.

Establishment of a National Research Centre for Allied Fibres

3456. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish a National Research Centre for allied fibres at Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Judges vis-a-vis Population

3457. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Judges are there per million people in our country; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to speed up the administration of justice?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As per 120th Report of the Law Commission, there are 10.5 Judges per million of population in India.

(b) Besides increasing the judge strength of Supreme Court from 18 to 26 and the judge strength of High Courts from 351 to 451 in March, 1989, recommendations of the Committee of 3 Chief Justices of High Courts set up in 1984 to reduce arrears have been forwarded to the High Courts and State Governments for appropriate action.

Release of Jodhpur Detainees

3458. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the remaining Jodhpur detainees except those facing criminal charges, have since been released and if so, what is the reaction of Akali Dal and Sikh representatives thereto;

(b) the details of those released and those against whom criminal cases are pending; and

(c) what other steps have been taken towards resolving the Punjab problem as per package announced by the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The release of Jodhpur undertrial prisoners has been welcomed by all concerned.

(b) All the Jodhpur undertrial prisoners have been released since the waging war case has been withdrawn against every undertrial lodged in Jodhpur jail. The last batch of 188 undertrials was released on 6-3-89 in this case. Some of the erstwhile Jodhpur undertrials have been facing other criminal charges also (other than waging war case).

39 of such persons are still in jail facing such other criminal charges.

(c) The other steps include withdrawal of cases for objectionable speeches, etc., removal of restrictions under foreigners Act for foreigners to visit Punjab, restriction of Disturbed Areas Act and Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act to the seriously disturbed areas, restrictions an use of Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, withdrawal of the National Security Act Amendment, normalisation of police functioning setting up monitoring mechanism for redressal of grievances of the people setting up of District